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WROTE A BOOK
FOR CHILDREN

The Author, an Alsatian, Cited Before the Highest German Criminal Court on a Charge of High Treason

BERLIN, Aug. 1.—All the dignity, solemnity and learning of the united second and third criminal senates of the imperial court were assembled at Leipzig recently to sit in judgment on a "Christmas Book for Children," which had brought down upon its author, the well-known artist and caricaturist, Johann Waltz, better known under his pseudonym of "Hansi," an indictment for high treason. The little work, which is published in Paris, consists of a number of pictures, with explanatory text in the French language, and has the undoubted object of glorifying the past at the expense of the present rulers of Alsace-Lorraine. Particular danger seems to have been found in four lines of doggerel, in which children beseech a stork, which is flying to France, to bring them back in its beak "un petit piou piou."

Then there is a great deal in the book about the patriotic arrogance of the German schoolmaster and the tyranny of the gendarme, in whose presence "birds and children cease to sing." Little Alsations are told that "they love the French instinctively, and would love them more if they saw more of them," while the Germans are represented as "supercilious parvenus," whose "lugubrious kaiser-hechts" on the emperor's birthdays "ring out far into the night, like the howling of beasts of prey."

Altogether the book would seem calculated to raise in the minds of its youthful readers the idea that France is a land of freedom and delight, and Germany one of oppression and suffering.

The proceedings against "Hansi" in connection with this work commenced at Colmar, where a charge of libel was raised against him, but the judges there found his text to be of a treasonable tendency, and referred the matter to the imperial court. The specific accusation laid against him was that of "preparing for the forcible separation of Alsace-Lorraine from the federal territory." In his examination, Herr Waltz admitted several previous convictions for libel, one of which was for "disinfecting" with burning sugar the seats in a restaurant on which two German officers had been sitting.

The court, however, possibly feeling that its dignity was being impaired by adjudication on a book which, whatever its tendencies, was nevertheless intended to be read by children, showed from the outset that it was not particularly pleased by being called upon to deal with this case, and eventually the prosecuting imperial counsel found it advisable to drop the charge of high treason and proceed only with the minor counts of inciting to class-hatred and libelling collectively the schoolmasters and gendarmes of Alsace-Lorraine. Of these offences defendant was found guilty, and a sentence of one year's imprisonment was passed on him.

ROGUE ELEPHANT
ON WILD RAMPAGE

Laying Waste Tea Gardens and Destroying Human Life

CALCUTTA, August 1.—An extraordinary but well substantiated story of a rogue elephant comes from Darjeeling. On July 2 a report was brought down to the manager of a tea estate near Siliguri to the effect that a huge rogue elephant had destroyed some of the huts in the gardens under his care and had killed two women. On the following day the report was substantiated, and the details communicated to the Raj Kumar of Jaipalpur. It appears that the elephant's first trick was to rip the roof off a Pahari woman's hut. At the time the woman, with her baby on her back, was crouched under the dwelling. The elephant picked the woman up bodily and flung her into the surrounding undergrowth. It then made for her again, and transfixed the whole of her thorax with its right tusk. The poor woman was killed, but the life of the baby in some miraculous manner was preserved. The elephant then returned to the huts and overtook a woman running from one dwelling to another. It threw her to the ground and then literally pulverized her head and the upper portion of her body.

Before the animal could be declared by the deputy commissioner to be a rogue dangerous to human life some formalities had to be gone through, and it was not until July 5 that a hunting party could set out in pursuit of the beast. On the following day a beat on seven elephants proved a draw, but a tiger spoor seems in some way to have put the party off the track. On the second day of the pursuit three parties led by the Raj Kumar and two other experienced shikaris went out in separate parties, and fresh spoor marks were found late in the evening. The next day the ground was found to be unfit for elephants, so the expedition had to be conducted on foot. That day the Raj Kumar stumbled unexpectedly right on to the rogue, and fell back to make a stand with the other leading guns.

Unfortunately, the elephant, instead of having matters out, turned back and disappeared before he had exposed a vulnerable spot. It thus remains a menace to the tea gardens until an organized state elephant hunt can take place.

TAKEN IN NET
OF SCOUNDREL

Tragic Story Comes from Paris of Unfortunate Who Fell Victim to the Machinations of His Valet

PARIS, Aug. 1.—A tragic story of a husband's love-lorn credulity and a servant's treachery has been revealed by a will case which is to come before the Paris tribunals shortly. Several years ago a Parisian doctor with a large and lucrative practice in a fashionable quarter of the city married a beautiful girl from his native town in Touraine. It was a love match on both sides. After a year of complete happiness the couple kindly but unwisely consented to give the hospitality of their board and roof to a poor relation, a vague cousin of the husband's.

With her discord entered the home. In a few months she had so poisoned the mind of the bride against her husband by hinting at purely imaginary infidelities that one morning the young wife left the house and returned to her home in Touraine. Daily the doctor wrote letters imploring the wife, to whom he was passionately devoted, to return home. But the letters were returned unopened. The deserted husband began to neglect his practice, and his mind even showed signs of giving way.

It was at this moment that the second and chief villain of the piece entered—a valet named D., whom the doctor took into his service. D. soon realized his new master's unbalanced condition, and determined to take advantage of it. He persuaded the doctor that he had great influence with important personages, magistrates, and the like, and offered his services to bring back the errant wife. Only he said it would take money. In a short time he had the master so completely under his influence that the doctor gave him carte blanche, or rather, blank checks, to cover the necessary expenses.

And now said D. to the doctor, "which you had better do is to go down to the country and rest for a little, leaving everything to me. When you come back you will find your wife waiting for you."

The doctor did so, and the weeks passed. Then came a letter from D. telling him that everything was going admirably, but that funds were failing, and requesting him to sell his country house. Unquestioning the poor victim did so, and remitted the \$20,000 obtained by the sale to D.

Time went on, and nothing happened, and finally the doctor, in a sudden spasm of will, came up to Paris to see for himself. D. took him into a large flat agreeably decorated.

"Here is the little nest," he said, "which I have prepared for you and your recovered happiness. The papers have been chosen by your wife herself from samples I have sent her. All is now forgiven and forgotten. In a week you will be together again."

But the poor, credulous doctor could not wait a day to see his wife again. Without telling D. of his intention, he took the first train to the town in Touraine where his wife had been living since the separation. Hardly had he left the station when he met a member of her family, who showed the greatest surprise and indignation at his presence there. From him the unhappy husband learned that not only was his wife ignorant of the very existence of the flat, but that her decision not to return to him was irrevocable, and she had brought an action for divorce a few days before.

Utterly overcome, too hopeless even to make a last effort to appeal to his wife's heart, the doctor wandered through the town till, worn out, he sat down on a bench in the public park. There, after drawing up a will on a sheet of paper, leaving all he possessed to his "beloved wife," he shot himself through the head.

That is almost a year ago now. But when the widow sought to make good her claim to the property she was met by a counter-claim on the part of the servant, who produced documents to prove that he was the sole legatee. D. was arrested just when he was on the point of leaving the country. It is believed that he managed to extort from the credulous doctor sums aggregating \$40,000. He will be charged with fraud and breach of trust.

BOY SCOUTS
AND HEROISM

LONDON, Aug. 1.—In an address of encouragement to the Middlesex county school at Harrow, Sir Herbert Beerbohm Tree, the actor, said that the theater should come into the school; that Shakespeare should be regarded as a necessity to the education of the boyhood of the day. On one occasion his own master told him that he would end his days on the gallows, and, strangely enough, that master came to see him some years afterwards when he was playing Fagin in "Oliver Twist." He came round to visit him just as he was being walked off with a rope round his neck, and immediately said, "There, I told you so."

Art helped them to happiness and tolerance, and helped them to rate the petty annoyances of life at their true value, and to recognize the greater issues. But for Art all humanity would be at each other's throats, and though there were sounds of trouble in Ulster he hoped

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Sir Herbert continued, "It was of such stuff that the great and daring men of Elizabeth's time were made. The Drakes, and Raleighs, and others. It is such men we want today. One such man was with us in Sussex at

our little home but a few weeks ago, and he who was my guest at that week end is now the guest of death. I mean Sir Denis Anson, who lost his life so tragically on the river. A finer specimen of this English spirit I have not met than in this young friend. He was a true Scout. It is not given to all heroic souls to temper valor with discretion. Some men must have the defects of their qualities. If their daring is successful we call it heroism, if it is unsuccessful we call it foolhardiness, in the same man. Let us remember it is to this daring spirit, this indifference to danger and death, that the conquest of

the sea, of the land, of the air, and of disease is due. They must also admire the heroic spirit of the man who went to the rescue of his fellow man. Let them hope he had received his prize from the hand of the great Headmaster.

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